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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 23, 2015

DATE: May 28, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Kevin Schiller, Interim Director, Department of Social Services
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THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager
SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize the Director of Social Services to accept the Fifth Amendment of the Child Welfare Initiative Agreement with Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$45,000 (no match required) retroactive to January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for the Family Solutions Team process.
(All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services has been awarded year five funding for \$45,000 from Casey Family Programs to provide help facilitate reunification and reduce reentries and strengthen system capacity to support timely permanency.

The acceptance of this award is retroactive as the Department received the Amendment in April.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 8, 2014, the Board approved the acceptance of \$45,000 from Casey Family Programs for January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

The Board has accepted funding from Casey Family programs annually since 2009.

BACKGROUND

The Department has been collaborating with the Casey Family Programs for a number of years in an effort to improve outcomes for children in foster care. The Department has initiated a variety of efforts to reduce the number of children entering into our foster care system and to work aggressively toward reunification with parents.

AGENDA ITEM # 5G

The Department embraces the Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) which is an approach to strengthening foster care, including kinship care, using branding and marketing principles. It is a process designed to help develop new strategies and practices to ensure that the foster or relative family caring for the child provides the loving, committed, skilled care that the child needs, while working effectively with the system to reach the child's long term goals. Other sites that have implemented QPI report measurable improvement in outcomes such as reduced unplanned placement changes, reduced use of group care, reduced numbers of sibling separation, and more successful improvements in reunification. Internal and external stakeholders are included in the "branding process" through a series of meetings to identify mutually agreed upon expectations for caregivers. In addition to the recruitment and retention strategies offered by QPI is the development of web-based training to foster and relative caregivers. Florida has a model QPI program and has develop a site that provides live web-based training to foster parents.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: *Child Welfare Initiative*

Scope of Project: *Promote permanency planning for children in care including older children and long-staying children. The emphasis is expedited planning by supporting concurrent permanency options and targeted exit programs. Promote practices associated with shared decision making collaborations to produce a sustainable family-centered permanency plan for children.*

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: *Children in Washoe County entering the foster care system will find permanency quicker than in the past through changes identified, thus reducing costs of long term foster care.*

On-Going Program Support: *The grant does not support the costs of ongoing programs.*

Award Amount: *\$ 45,000.00*

Grant Period: *January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015*

Funding Source: *Casey Family Programs*

Pass through From: *n/a*

CFDA Number: *n/a*

Grant ID Number: *CFP# FY12-0146.05*

Match Amount and Type: *match not required*

Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award):

Grant's recoverable indirect cost rate:

- Indirect costs are fully recoverable
- Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery
- Sponsor has limited indirect cost recovery at ___ %
- Sponsor requires indirect Cost Rate Approved by Cognizant Agency

Special Terms & Conditions: *None*

Sub-Awards and Contracts: *None*

FISCAL IMPACT

The department's FY16 adopted budget included the anticipated funding of this amendment in Internal Order 20396; therefore, no budget adjustments are required.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board approve Staff's recommendation, the possible motion would be to "move to authorize the Director of Social Services to accept the Fifth Amendment of the Child Welfare Initiative Agreement with Casey Family Programs in the amount of \$45,000 (no match required) retroactive to January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for the Family Solutions Team process".